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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, IR, PK

SUBJECT: PAKISTANI PILOT TRAINING ON F-5ES

REF: TEHRAN 4542

1. THERE ARE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES TO THE PAK-IRANIAN PILOT EXCHANGE PROPOSED BY IIAF, AND WE WOULD URGE THAT YOU WEIGH IN IN ITS FAVOR. STRENGTHENED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES OF THESE TWO ALLIED COUNTRIES IS VERY MUCH IN LINE WITH US POLICY. THE ENHANCED CAPABILITY WHICH THE EXCHANGE COULD BRING ABOUT IN BOTH AIR FORCES WOULD ALSO BE BENEFICIAL TO OUR INTERESTS. MOREOVER, USG OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL WOULD BE BADLY TAKEN HERE AND WOULD LEAD TO FURTHER QUESTIONING OF VALIDITY OF OUR COMMITMENT TO PAK SECURITY.

2. AS YOU KNOW, OBJECTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED IN THE PAST TO PAF TRAINING ON F-5ES ON GROUNDS THAT THIS WOULD SUGGEST TO PAKS, INCORRECTLY, A WILLINGNESS ON OUR PART TO SELL THEM A PLANE IN WHICH THEY HAD SOME POTENTIAL INTEREST. NOW THAT THE GOP HAS FORMALLY TOLD US IT IS LOOKING IN ANOTHER DIRECTION, THAT ARGUMENT NO LONGER HOLDS WATER. WE'D HOPE THAT YOU COULD DISPOSE OF IT WITH DISPATCH SHOULD IT SURFACE AGAIN.

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